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Mr. Gerry Garibay El Paso Natural Gas Company P.O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas 79978 Mr. Ron Ziegler ARCO 307 East Park Avenue Suite 400 Anaconda, Montana 59711

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EPA intends to enter into discussions with NMED and NSO on the possibility of deleting the surface portion of the site, excluding the landfarm from the National Priorities List . I will keep you informed of any decisions made with regard to the deletion.

EPA appreciates the progress the companies have made and looks forward to working with both companies on the completion of the landfarm and the subsurface remediation.

Sincerely

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cc: Julie Curtiss
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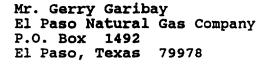
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